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UZBEK PETROLEUM OUTPUT EXCEEDS 1948 PLAN

UZBEK PETROLEUM INDUSTRY COMPLETES PLAN -- Pravda Vostoka, No 44, 5 Mar 49

The Uzbek petroleum industry fulfilled the plan for oil production and achieved a surplus of thousands of tons of oil above plan. The industry reached the level of production set for 1950. In comparison with 1947, extraction of petroleum was up 31 percent, processing of petroleum 36 percent, and construction work 50 percent in 1948.

Uzbek petroleum workers have assumed the following obligations: to fulfill the 1989 plan and produce an additional 35,000 tons of oil; refine 20,000 tons of gasoline above plan; speed up the drilling of oil wells by 15 percent; finish by 20 December the plan for housing construction and put into use 12,000 square meters of living space; increase extraction and drilling by 7 percent, refining by 2 percent, and construction by 3 percent; reduce production costs of extraction by 3 percent, of drilling by 2 percent, of refining by 3 percent, and of construction by 0.5 percent.

CONSTRUCTION AIDED ANDIZHAN OIL CO. PUT -- Stalinskoye Znamya, No 11,
16 Jan 49

The Soviet Government gave many awards to construction workers of the "Srednasetroyny" (Central Asia Construction of Petroleum Enterprises) Trust and to its director, Yakov Grigor'yevich Gorbunov, for outstanding achievement in the Andizhan petroleum fields in 1948. In a very short time, construction workers brought in a power train, consisting of an electric power plant mounted on railroad cars, to cope with the shortage of electricity at the oil fields, constructed a water main and 10 kilometers of gas main up to the power plant, and built a chemical purifying installation and other auxiliary enterprises. Supervisor Zavistovskiy of Construction Administration No 6, when faced with the problem of deepening the Isfayran-say River on the course of the Leninisk-Vamnovskaya pipe line, removed 80 meters of pipe along the river bed and erected them in a high arch across the river. This complex operation took only 22 hours. The cooperation of construction workers contributed to the completion of the Five-Year Plan in 1948 by the Andizhan petroleum workers.

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Construction work in the Andizhan fields will increase 50 percent in 1949. Construction workers and petroleum workers in Andizhan have pledged to increase 1949 petroleum extraction 30 percent over 1948.

OIL-WELL DRILLING RECORD SET IN BAKU -- Bakinskiy Rabochiy, No 44,
5 Mar 49

A brigade of the "Bucovnyeft" Petroleum Well-Drilling Trust, Baku, has set an all-Union record in sinking shaft No 232. This oil well was sunk to a depth of 1,885 meters at a rate of 3,600 meters per machine per month.

"KUKRUSE" MINE PLEDGES NEW SUCCESSES -- Sovetskaya Estoniya, No 37,
15 Feb 49

The "Kukruse" Mine fulfilled the 1948 plan ahead of schedule and saved more than 2 million rubles for the State. The workers have pledged to accelerate shale cutting and to improve its quality as well as to reduce consumption of materials and electric power. By these measures they intend to accelerate the production cycle of working capital.

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